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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### FISHERY UPDATE



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#### SITKA SOUND HERRING FISHERY UPDATE #17

Sitka... The aerial survey conducted on March 30 covered Sitka Sound from Eastern Channel to Krestof Sound. Weather during this flight was good with 10 knot winds and clear skies. Small schools of herring were seen between Eastern Point and Beehive Island and approximately 1.8 nautical miles of spawn was observed in Eastern Bay and the Siginaka Islands (Figure 1). Herring predators were spread out, but smaller concentrations were seen in shallower waters between St. Lazaria Island and Inner Point and in Eastern Bay. Commercial fishing vessels located multiple schools of herring of varying size between Eastern Point and Beehive Island. Two sets from this area revealed that the fish were of insufficient quality to warrant a fishery opening.

- 1:30 p.m., *F/V Valkyrie*; 10 ton set; 8.5% mature roe, 1.2% immature roe; 43.8% female; 104-gram average weight.
- 1:50 p.m., *F/V Anduril*; 5 ton set; 7.9% mature roe, 1.5% immature roe; 32.8% female; 84-gram average weight.

The next Fishery Update can be expected on Saturday, March 31, 2018.

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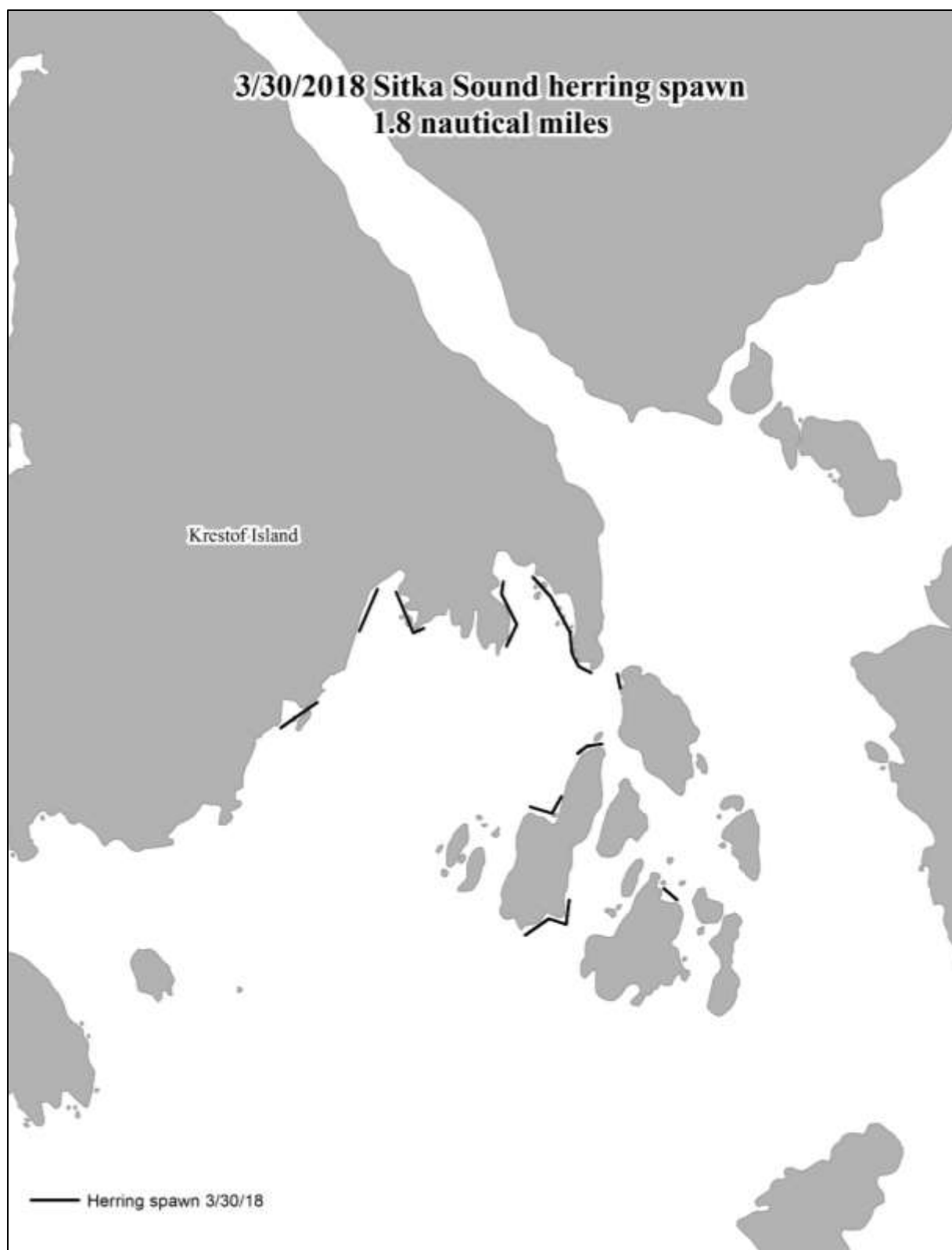


Figure 1.– Sitka Sound herring spawn for March 30, 2018.